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this amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bourne. Senator Hilgert, on the Bourne amendment.

SENATOR HILGERT: Thank you, Mr. President, members. I rise to support the Bourne amendment. I think it's the right policy to have. Frankly, last year, at the end of the session, when we debated LB 179, I had an amendment that would have cured a defect in our law right now that basically, people who are on the homestead exemption, who are disabled, when they reach the age of 65 are thrown off the homestead exemption because their Social Security payment is no longer disability but from retirement. And that was not adopted by the body, although a majority of those voting did support that effort. And even Senator Wickersham, at the time, in an exchange with me, said that he was hopeful that he would find a way to more clearly set out the standards that we can use for future evaluations of changes in the program. And they were going to come back this year, and I'll quote, we'll try to do that over the summer and try to bring back to you our best recommendations for a more comprehensive approach. I don't know that this is the work product of that effort. It does not appear so. Under the Bourne amendment I believe that it's certainly broader, it's what I certainly believe to be. I don't think the definition of simple mobility is enough, frankly. Under what the proposed definition would be, you would almost think that Helen Keller, herself, would not be able to get a homestead exemption in the state of Nebraska because she's not disabled enough. I think that standard is far too high, far too narrow, and I certainly support Senator Bourne's amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Hilgert. Senator Chambers, on the Bourne amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I'd like to ask Senator Wickersham a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham, would you respond?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.